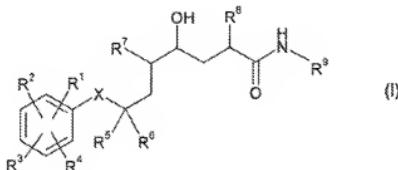


Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A  $\delta$ -amino- $\gamma$ -hydroxy- $\omega$ -aryl-alkanoic acid amide compound of formula (I)



wherein

R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, halogen, optionally halogenated alkyl, cycloalkyl, hydroxy, optionally halogenated alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, lower alkoxy-lower alkoxy or free or esterified or amidated carboxy-lower alkoxy or lower alkyl;

R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen, halogen, optionally halogenated lower alkyl, hydroxy, cycloalkyl, cycloalkoxy, optionally halogenated lower alkoxy-lower alkyl, optionally substituted lower alkoxy-lower alkyl, cycloalkoxy-lower alkyl; optionally lower alkanoylated, halogenated or sulfonylated hydroxy-lower alkoxy; amino-lower alkyl that is unsubstituted or substituted by lower alkyl, by lower alkanoyl and/or by lower alkoxy carbonyl, optionally hydrogenated heteroaryl-lower alkyl, amino-lower alkoxy that is substituted by lower alkyl, by lower alkanoyl and/or by lower alkoxy carbonyl; oxo-lower alkoxy, lower alkoxy, lower alkenyloxy, cycloalkoxy-lower alkoxy, lower alkoxy-lower alkoxy, lower alkoxy-lower alkenyl, lower alkenyloxy-lower alkoxy, lower alkoxy-lower alkenyloxy, lower alkenyloxy-lower alkyl, lower alkanoyl lower alkoxy, optionally S-oxidised lower alkylthio-lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio-(hydroxy)-lower alkoxy, aryl-lower alkoxy, aryl-lower alkyl, aryl-lower alkoxy, optionally hydrogenated heteroaryl-lower alkoxy, optionally hydrogenated heteroaryl-lower alkyl, cyano-lower alkoxy, cyano-lower alkyl, free or esterified or amidated carboxy-lower alkoxy or free or esterified or amidated carboxy-lower alkyl;

R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are independently hydrogen, halogen, optionally halogenated lower alkyl, hydroxy, optionally halogenated lower alkoxy or cycloalkoxy, lower alkoxy-lower alkyl, cycloalkoxy-lower alkyl, hydroxy-lower alkyl, optionally S-oxidised lower alkylthio-lower

alkyl, optionally hydrogenated heteroarylthio-lower alkyl, optionally hydrogenated heteroaryl-lower alkyl; amino-lower alkyl that is unsubstituted or *N*-mono- or *N,N*-di-lower alkylated, *N*-lower alkanoylated or *N*-lower alkanesulfonylated or *N,N*-disubstituted by lower alkylene, by unsubstituted or *N'*-lower alkylated or *N'*-lower alkanoylated aza-lower alkylene, by oxa-lower alkylene or by optionally *S*-oxidised thia-lower alkylene, cyano-lower alkyl, free or esterified or amidated carboxy-lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, hydroxy, lower alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, lower alkoxy-lower alkoxy, cycloalkoxy-lower alkoxy, hydroxy-lower alkoxy, aryl-lower alkoxy, optionally halogenated lower alkoxy, optionally *S*-oxidised lower alkylthio-lower alkoxy, optionally hydrogenated heteroaryl-lower alkoxy, optionally hydrogenated heteroarylthio-lower alkoxy; amino-lower alkoxy that is unsubstituted or *N*-mono- or *N,N*-di-lower alkylated, *N*-lower alkanoylated or *N*-lower alkanesulfonylated or substituted by lower alkylene, by unsubstituted or *N'*-lower alkylated or *N'*-lower alkanoylated aza-lower alkylene, by oxa-lower alkylene or by optionally *S*-oxidised thia-lower alkylene, cyano-lower alkoxy or free or esterified or amidated carboxy-lower alkoxy; or

$R^4$  together with  $R_3$  is lower alkeneoxy, lower alkylenedioxy or a fused-on aryl, optionally hydrogenated heteroaryl or cycloalkyl ring;

$X$  is methylene, hydroxymethylene, oxygen, optionally lower alkyl substituted nitrogen, optionally oxidized sulfur;

$R^6$  is lower alkyl or cycloalkyl;

$R^6$  is hydrogen, lower alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy or halogen;

$R^7$  is unsubstituted or *N*-mono- or *N,N*-di-lower alkylated or *N*-lower alkanoylated amino;

$R^8$  is lower alkyl, lower alkenyl, cycloalkyl or aryl-lower alkyl;

$R^9$  is optionally substituted lower alkyl, optionally substituted cycloalkyl, optionally substituted cycloalkyl-alkyl, cycloalkyl-carboxamides, *N*-mono- or *N,N*-di-alkyl substituted cycloalkyl-carboxamides, optionally substituted aryl-alkyl, optionally substituted aryl-oxy-aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryloxy-alkyl, free or aliphatically esterified or etherified hydroxy-lower alkyl; amino-lower alkyl that is unsubstituted or *N*-lower alkanoylated or *N*-mono- or *N,N*-di-lower alkylated or *N,N*-di-substituted by lower alkylene, by hydroxy-, lower alkoxy- or lower alkanoyloxy-lower alkylene, by unsubstituted or *N'*-lower alkanoylated or *N'*-lower alkylated aza-lower alkylene, by oxa-lower alkylene or by optionally *S*-oxidised thia-lower alkylene, free or esterified or amidated carboxy-lower alkyl, free or esterified or amidated dicarboxy-lower alkyl, free or esterified or amidated carboxy (hydroxy)-lower alkyl, free or esterified or amidated carboxycycloalkyl-lower alkyl, cyano-lower alkyl, lower alkanesulfonyl-lower alkyl, unsubstituted or *N*-mono- or *N,N*-di-lower alkylated thiocarbamoyl-lower alkyl, unsubstituted or *N*-mono- or *N,N*-di-lower alkylated sulfamoyl-lower alkyl, or a heteroaryl radical bonded via a carbon atom

and optionally hydrogenated and/or oxo substituted, or lower alkyl substituted by a heteroaryl radical bonded via a carbon atom and optionally hydrogenated and/or oxo substituted;  
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A The compound according to claim 1 wherein

R<sup>9</sup> is lower alkyl, optionally substituted cycloalkyl (alkyl, OH, alkoxy, alkoxy-alkyl, halogens), optionally substituted cycloalkyl-alkyl (OH, alkoxy, alkoxy-alkyl, halogens on cycloalkyl), cycloalkyl-carboxamides, N-mono or N,N-di-alkyl substituted cycloalkyl carboxamides, optionally substituted aryl-alkyl, free or aliphatically esterified or etherified hydroxy-lower alkyl, amino-lower alkyl that is unsubstituted or N-lower-alkanoylated or N-mono- or N,N-di-lower-alkylated or N,N-di-substituted by lower alkylene, by hydroxy-, lower-alkoxy- or lower-alkanoyloxy-lower-alkylene, by unsubstituted or N'-lower-alkanoylated or N'-lower-alkylated-aza-lower-alkylene, by oxo-lower-alkylene or by optionally S-oxidised thia-lower-alkylene, free or esterified or amidated carboxy-lower-alkyl, free or esterified or amidated dicarboxy-lower-alkyl, free or esterified or amidated carboxy-(hydroxy)-lower-alkyl, free or esterified or amidated carboxy-cycloalkyl-lower-alkyl, cyano-lower-alkyl, lower-alkanesulfonyl-lower-alkyl, unsubstituted or N-mono- or N,N-di-lower-alkylated thiocarbamoyl-lower-alkyl, unsubstituted or N-mono- or N,N-di-lower-alkylated sulfamoyl-lower-alkyl, or a heteroaryl radical bonded via a carbon atom and optionally hydrogenated and/or oxo-substituted, or lower-alkyl substituted by a heteroaryl radical bonded via a carbon atom and optionally hydrogenated and/or oxo-substituted;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A The compound according to claim 2 wherein

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are hydrogen;

R<sup>2</sup> is lower alkoxy-lower alkoxy;

R<sup>3</sup> is halogen or mono, di or tri-halo-substituted alkyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A The compound according to claim 3 wherein the halogen/halo is fluorine or chlorine;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A The compound according to claim 4 wherein

R<sup>3</sup> is fluorine or trifluoromethyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A The compound according to claim 5 wherein R<sup>2</sup> is in the meta position and R<sup>3</sup> is in the para position;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A The compound according to claim 5 wherein R<sup>2</sup> is in the ortho position;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A The compound according to claim 5 wherein R<sup>3</sup> is in the meta position;

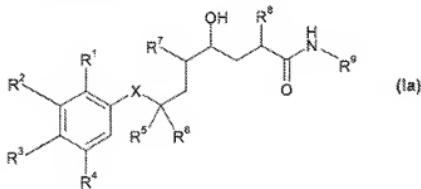
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A The compound according to claim 2 wherein R<sup>2</sup> is in the meta position and is lower alkoxy-lower alkoxy optionally substituted by halogen(s);

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claims 10-18 (Cancelled)

Claim 19 (currently amended): A The  $\delta$ -amino- $\gamma$ -hydroxy- $\omega$ -aryl-alkanoic acid amide compound according to claim 1 having formula (Ia)



wherein

R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, halogen, optionally halogenated alkyl, cycloalkyl, hydroxy, optionally halogenated alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, lower alkoxy-lower alkoxy or free or esterified or amidated carboxy-lower alkoxy or lower alkyl;

R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen, halogen, optionally halogenated lower alkyl, hydroxy, cycloalkyl, cycloalkoxy, optionally halogenated lower alkoxy-lower alkyl, optionally substituted lower alkoxy-lower alkoxy, cycloalkoxy-lower alkyl; optionally lower alkanoylated, halogenated or sulfonylated hydroxy-lower alkoxy; amino-lower alkyl that is unsubstituted or substituted by lower alkyl, by lower alkanoyl and/or by lower alkoxy carbonyl; optionally hydrogenated heteroaryl-lower alkyl; amino-lower alkoxy that is substituted by lower alkyl, by lower alkanoyl and/or by lower alkoxy carbonyl; oxo-lower alkoxy, lower alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, lower alkenyloxy, cycloalkoxy-lower alkoxy, lower alkoxy-lower alkenyl,

lower alkenyloxy-lower alkoxy, lower alkoxy-lower alkenyloxy, lower alkenyloxy-lower alkyl, lower alkanoyl-lower alkoxy, optionally S-oxidised lower alkylthio-lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio-(hydroxy)-lower alkoxy, aryl-lower alkoxy, aryl-lower alkyl, aryl-lower alkoxy, optionally hydrogenated heteroaryl-lower alkoxy, optionally hydrogenated hetero-aryl-lower alkyl, cyano-lower alkoxy, cyano-lower alkyl, free or esterified or amidated carboxy-lower alkoxy or free or esterified or amidated carboxy-lower alkyl;

R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are independently hydrogen, halogen, optionally halogenated lower alkyl, hydroxy, optionally halogenated lower alkoxy or cycloalkoxy, lower alkoxy-lower alkyl, cycloalkoxy-lower alkyl, hydroxy-lower alkyl, optionally S-oxidised lower alkylthio-lower alkyl, optionally hydrogenated heteroarylthio-lower alkyl, optionally hydrogenated hetero-aryl-lower alkyl; amino-lower alkyl that is unsubstituted or N-mono- or N,N-di-lower alkyl-ated, N-lower alkanoylated or N-lower alkanesulfonylated or N,N-disubstituted by lower alkylene, by unsubstituted or N-lower alkylated or N-lower alkanoylated aza-lower alkylene, by oxa-lower alkylene or by optionally S-oxidised thia-lower alkylene; cyano-lower alkyl, free or esterified or amidated carboxy-lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, hydroxy, lower alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, lower alkoxy-lower alkoxy, cycloalkoxy-lower alkoxy, hydroxy-lower alkoxy, aryl-lower alkoxy, optionally halogenated lower alkoxy, optionally S-oxidised lower alkylthio-lower alkoxy, optionally hydrogenated heteroaryl-lower alkoxy, optionally hydrogenated heteroarylthio-lower alkoxy; amino-lower alkoxy that is unsubstituted or N-mono- or N,N-di-lower alkylated, N-lower alkanoylated or N-lower alkanesulfonylated or substituted by lower alkylene, by unsubstituted or N-lower alkylated or N-lower alkanoylated aza-lower alkylene, by oxa-lower alkylene or by optionally S-oxidised thia-lower alkylene; cyano-lower alkoxy or free or esterified or amidated carboxy-lower alkoxy; or

R<sup>4</sup> together with R<sub>3</sub> is lower alkeneoxy, alkylenedioxy or a fused-on aryl, optionally hydrogenated heteroaryl or cycloalkyl ring;

X is methylene, hydroxymethylene, oxygen, optionally lower alkyl substituted nitrogen or optionally oxidized sulfur;

R<sup>5</sup> is lower alkyl or cycloalkyl;

R<sup>6</sup> is hydrogen, lower alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy or halogen;

R<sup>7</sup> is un substituted or N-mono- or N,N-di-lower alkylated or N-lower alkanoylated amino;

R<sup>8</sup> is lower alkyl, lower alkenyl, cycloalkyl or aryl-lower alkyl;

R<sup>9</sup> is optionally-substituted lower alkyl, optionally substituted cycloalkyl, optionally substituted cycloalkyl-alkyl, cycloalkyl-carboxamides, N-mono- or N,N-dialkyl-substituted cycloalkyl-carboxamides, optionally substituted aryl-alkyl, optionally substituted aryloxy-

aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryloxy-alkyl, free or alphabetically esterified or etherified hydroxy-lower alkyl; amino-lower alkyl that is unsubstituted or *N*-lower-alkanoylated or *N*-mono- or *N,N*-di-lower alkylated or *N,N*-di-substituted by lower alkylene, by hydroxy-, lower alkoxy- or lower alkanoyloxy-lower alkylene, by unsubstituted or *N'*-lower alkanoylated or *N'*-lower alkylated aza-lower alkylene, by oxo-lower alkylene or by optionally S-oxidised thia-lower alkylene, free or esterified or amidated carboxy-lower alkyl, free or esterified or amidated dicarboxy-lower alkyl, free or esterified or amidated carboxy (hydroxy) lower alkyl, free or esterified or amidated carboxycycloalkyl-lower alkyl, cyano-lower alkyl, lower alkanesulfonyl-lower alkyl, unsubstituted or *N*-mono- or *A,N*-di-lower alkylated thiocabamoyl-lower alkyl, unsubstituted or *N*-mono- or *N,N*-di-lower alkylated sulfamoyl-lower alkyl, or a heteroaryl radical bonded via a carbon atom and optionally hydrogenated and/or oxo-substituted, or lower alkyl substituted by a heteroaryl radical bonded via a carbon atom and optionally hydrogenated and/or oxo-substituted;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 20 (currently amended): A The compound according to claim 19 wherein

R<sup>9</sup> is cycloalkyl substituted with alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkoxy-alkoxy or halogens; cycloalkyl-alkyl optionally substituted with alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkoxy-alkoxy or halogens on cycloalkyl or halogens on alkyl or halogens on alkoxy; cycloalkyl-carboxamides; *N*-mono or *N,N*-dialkyl substituted cycloalkyl-carboxamides; or optionally substituted aryl-alkyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 21 (currently amended): A The compound according to claim 19 wherein

R<sup>9</sup> is hydrogen; halogenated-alkyl; optionally substituted aryl-alkyl; optionally substituted aryloxy-alkyl; cycloalkyl substituted by 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of alkenyl, alkynyl, halo, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkoxy-alkoxy, alkylthio, arylthio, aryl-alkoxy, carbamoyl, sulfamoyl, sulfonyl, optionally substituted amino, cyano, carboxy, alkoxy carbonyl, aryl, aryloxy, heterocycl or alkyl optionally substituted by amino, halo, hydroxy, alkoxy, carboxy, alkoxy carbonyl, carbamoyl or heterocycl; or optionally substituted cycloalkyl-alkyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 22 (currently amended): A The compound according to claim 21 wherein

R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen;

R<sup>2</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy – C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy – C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl;

R<sup>3</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy;

R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen;

X is methylene;

R<sup>5</sup> is lower alkyl;

R<sup>6</sup> is hydrogen;

R<sup>7</sup> is unsubstituted amino;

R<sup>8</sup> is branched C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl;

R<sup>9</sup> is optionally substituted cycloalkyl cycloalkyl-alkyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 23 (currently amended): A The compound according to claim 22 wherein

R<sup>2</sup> is 3-methoxypropyloxy;

R<sup>3</sup> is methoxy;

R<sup>5</sup> is isopropyl;

R<sup>6</sup> is isopropyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 24-29 (cancelled).

Claim 30 (currently amended): A pharmaceutical composition, comprising:

the compound of according to claim 1 formula-(1) and

one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipient(s).

Claim 31 - 38 (cancelled).

Claim 39 (New) A compound named (2S,4S,5S,7S)-5-Amino-4-hydroxy-2-isopropyl-7-[4-methoxy-3-(3-methoxy-propoxy)-benzyl]-8-methyl-nonanoic acid (1-hydroxymethyl-cyclopentyl)-amide, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 40 (New) A compound named 1-[(2S,4S,5S,7S)-5-Amino-4-hydroxy-2-isopropyl-7-[4-methoxy-3-(3-methoxy-propoxy)-benzyl]-8-methyl-nonanoyl-amino]-cyclohexanecarboxylic acid methyl ester, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 41 (New) A compound named (2S,4S,5S,7S)-5-Amino-4-hydroxy-2-isopropyl-7-[4-methoxy-3-(3-methoxy-propoxy)-benzyl]-8-methyl-nonanoic acid ((1S,2S)-2-hydroxy-cyclopentyl)-amide, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 42 (New) A compound named (2S,4S,5S,7S)-5-Amino-4-hydroxy-2-isopropyl-7-[4-methoxy-3-(3-methoxy-propoxy)-benzyl]-8-methyl-nonanoic acid ((*R*)-2,2-dimethyl-cyclopentyl)-amide, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 43 (New) A compound named (2S,4S,5S,7S)-5-Amino-4-hydroxy-2-isopropyl-7-[4-methoxy-3-(3-methoxy-propoxy)-benzyl]-8-methyl-nonanoic acid (1-fluoro-cyclopentyl)-amide, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.